

CLAIMS

1. An electrical connector for a flat cable,
comprising:

5 a housing having an open mouth;

a plurality of terminals which are arranged and
maintained ⁱⁿ ~~(at)~~ said housing and have contact sections at
positions facing ~~(to)~~ said open mouth of said housing;

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10 a pressure member which can freely rotate around
a rotational axis ~~(and)~~ between an open position where said
flat cable is inserted from said open mouth into ~~(an)~~ said
insertion space and arranged on said contact sections and a
closed position where said flat cable is pressed towards
said contact sections, said rotational axis positioned
15 opposed to said contact sections with respect to said flat
cable;

at least one bearing section provided in said
terminal for rotation of said pressure member at said
rotational axis; and

20 at least one engaging section provided ^{on} ~~(in)~~ said
terminal ~~(or said housing)~~ and said pressure member and
holding said pressure member at said open position by an
engaging force generated by concerted movement of said
terminals ~~(or said housing)~~ and said pressure member.

25 2. An electrical connector of claim 1, wherein
said engaging sections are formed in a plane ~~(parallel)~~ to
said rotational axis. *same as above?*

30 *Spencer!* *31* 3. An electrical connector according to claim 1,
wherein said engaging sections are formed in a plane
~~(perpendicular)~~ to said rotational axis. *MED*

each of 4. An electrical connector according to claim 2,
wherein ^{each of} said engaging sections in said parallel plane ^{are} ~~(are)~~ a
shoulder of a supporting arm of said terminal and an inner
wall of a groove of said pressure member, a part of said

supporting arm sliding into said groove while said pressure member turns over to said open position,

5. An electrical connector for a flat cable, *section of said cable on opposite edges of said supporting arm*
comprising:

5 a housing having an open mouth;

a plurality of terminal which are arranged and maintained at said housing and have contact sections at positions facing to said open mouth of said housing;

10 a pressure member which can freely rotate around a rotational axis and between an open position where said flat cable is inserted from said open mouth into an insertion space and arranged on said contact sections and a closed position where said flat cable is pressed toward said contact sections, said rotational axis positioned opposed to said contact sections with respect to said flat cable;

at least one shaft provided in said pressure member extending along said rotational axis at both sides in said arrangement direction of said terminals;

20 at least one engaging piece to bear said shaft in proximity of both sides of said connector; and

at least one engaging section at said engaging piece and said pressure member to hold said pressure member at said open position by an engaging force generated by
25 concerted movement of said engaging member and pressure member.

6. The electrical connector according to claim 5, wherein said engaging piece is made of a metal piece attached in proximity of both ends of said housing.

30 7. The electrical connector according to claim 6, wherein said engaging section at said engaging piece is formed as a protrusion at an upper edge of said metal piece, and wherein said shaft of said pressure member engages by sliding over a top of said protrusion.

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8. An electrical connector for a flat cable, comprising:

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a plurality of terminals which are arranged and
5 maintained at said housing and have contact sections at
positions facing to said open mouth of said housing;

a pressure member which can freely rotate around
a rotational axis and between an open position where said
flat cable is inserted from said open mouth into an
10 insertion space and arranged on said contact sections and a
closed position where said flat cable is pressed toward
said contact sections, said rotational axis positioned
opposed to said contact sections with respect to said flat
cable; and

15 a guide attached at said housing which is
positioned at each side of said housing in a widthwise
direction of said flat cable, a lower edge of said guide is
arranged at a position to guide an upper surface of said
flat cable inserted at a regular position and inclined
20 inward of said widthwise direction and inward of said
housing in an inserting direction of said flat cable.

9. The electrical connector according to claim
8, wherein said guide is made up of a curved metal piece
which has a surface substantially perpendicular to said
25 upper surface of said flat cable, and attached to said each
side of said housing, an upper edge of said metal piece
being inclined towards a tip in a lower edge direction or
curved.